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LOK SABHA

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pollution control and environmental restoration projects of ponds pertaining to Maharashtra is pending for want of approval with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) The Government of Maharashtra had submitted a number of proposals on conservation of lakes to this Ministry, for consideration under the National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP). Out of these, 5 proposals for conservation of 13 lakes have already been approved at a total estimated cost of Rs.24.25 crore.. The remaining proposals on examination in this Ministry were found either technically deficient or not falling within the mandate of NLCP. The State Government has been asked to scrutinize the remaining proposals at their level, keeping the NLCP guidelines in view and also to explore the possibilities of inclusion of some of these lakes in the State Conservation Plan through the state budget available for this purpose.

The proposals for new lakes are considered under NLCP subject to their admissibility as per guidelines, prioritization, pollution status and availability of funds under the Plan.